

Lincoln Land Community College



March 2025 Award Winners

Nominee: Luis Alarcon, Director, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Laura Wethington, Financial Aid Advisor & Grant Specialist

The Financial Aid Office would like to express our thanks to Luis for coming to our rescue at our 'Lingo Bingo' event for Financial Aid Awareness Month. When we ran out of Bingo prizes halfway through the event, Luis rounded up some LLCC 'swag' that allowed our bingo event to keep running smoothly. Thank you, Luis!

Nominee: Mack Alexander, Building Custodian, Facilities Services

Nominator: Debra Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

While most are off the entire winter recess, Mack chooses to work and tidy up his run. Over winter recess, the Child Development Center was open for a few days when the rest of the college was closed. I had asked if anyone, working the break, would modify their schedule to clean the building. Mack graciously adjusted his work schedule to ensure CDC was cleaned and disinfected for the staff and kiddos. With much appreciation and gratitude, Debbie.

Nominee: Shawn Allen, Registrar, Records

Nominator: Alison Mills, Assistant Vice President, Financial Aid

Shawn had to help in various aspects of the Gainful Employment reporting. Shawn had to review completer files, download reports for me due to my restricted access in NSC, and review many students to ensure accurate reporting of information. Many times, Shawn had to stop her own work to help due to the strict reporting deadline and Colleague problems encountered prior to the deadline. Thanks, Shawn!

Nominee: Ed Brown, IT Trainer/Technical Writer, Information Technology

Nominator: David Ferrill, IT Specialist

Ed goes above and beyond with writing up our training materials, getting out in the field, and providing personal training.

Nominee: Nichole Coffey, Student Accounts Manager, Finance

Nominator: Alison Mills, Assistant Vice President, Financial Aid

Nichole dropped everything to help complete fields for our Gainful Employment reporting. She figured out a solution to gather data quickly, so it could be added to our submission file. Without Nichole's help, I'm not sure how we would've found this data as quickly as she did. Her help was so appreciated. Thanks, Nichole!!

Nominee: Alex Dean, Student Support Specialist

Nominator: Anne Armbruster, Director, Student Support Specialist

Thank you to Alex Dean for training PATH/TRIO and WEI on TrueDialog (new texting software)! Alex did an excellent job of figuring out the software and then explaining it to the rest of our team. We appreciate his IT talents in the office. Thank you, Alex!

Nominee: Jeff Eason, Helpdesk Specialist II, Information Technology

Nominator: Debra Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

Jeff goes above and beyond assisting me with new hire IT issues, modifications to IT work orders when coordinators have additions and issues with my office computer. He is always patient, kind and understanding of my dilemmas. Thank you so much for your expertise and compassion. Kudos!

Nominator: Lori Oldenettel, Enrollment Coordinator, LLCC-Jacksonville

Jeff, your responsiveness, kindness, and efficiency in helping students activate their Lincoln Land email accounts do not go unnoticed. Your quick support makes a difference, especially when working with students in area high schools. Your dedication is truly appreciated! Thank you for ALL you do!

Nominee: David Ferrill, IT Specialist

Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography

David, thank you so much for helping me out with my computer. Your assistance took a load off my mind and I appreciate your willingness to help!

Nominee: Fabiola Gonzalez, Student Success Advisor

Nominator: Sue Alexander, Adult Education Coordinator

Recently Fabiola has been helping us out in the Adult Ed Department, and I have been reminded again of so many things that I admire about her. She is quick to offer to help with anything, she takes initiative, she sincerely cares about her coworkers and the students, and she learns new things so quickly. Thanks Fabiola, for all that you do!

Nominee: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Success Advisor

Nominator: Anne Armbruster, Director, Student Support Services

A huge thank you to Claire for always taking the time to answer my advising questions, no matter how busy she is. She also does an excellent job of keeping student services informed about social services available in the community. Her dedication as a fierce student advocate is truly commendable, and the college is lucky to have her!

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

Claire took the initiative to leverage new software to connect with students, encouraging them to apply for LLCC Foundation Scholarships. She implemented a creative strategy to boost awareness and drive participation, ensuring more students completed applications. She encouraged colleagues to do the same, fostering a collaborative approach. Her dedication, "above and beyond" attitude, and willingness to step in is greatly appreciated!

Nominee: Bobbi Henry, Research & Analytics Associate III

Nominator: Alison Mills, Assistant Vice President, Financial Aid

Bobbi stepped up to help me with Gainful Employment Reporting. When a Colleague patch broke the Colleague functionality, Bobbi stepped in to help formulate a plan and gather data for reporting. She

worked extra hours and continued to be reassuring during MOST of the process (lol). I could not have created what we were able to submit without her help, and I'm so grateful for everything she did!! Thanks, Bobbi!!

Nominee: Corrine Hinton, Dean, English & Humanities

Nominator: Anonymous

Corrine always says, "I'll be as much or as little involved as you need me to be," and that flexibility and trust, combined with her own skills, insights, and vision, is helping our department undertake new work as well as have a refreshed outlook on the everyday tasks. Thank you, Corrine! You're a leader in the best of ways.

Nominee: Matt and Toni Hurt, Owner's, Quiznos at LLCC

Nominator: Anonymous

You are always greeted with a big smile and a friendly hello when you visit Quiznos at LLCC. Matt and Toni provide the students and staff of LLCC with a welcoming environment and excellent service. They remember the orders of their regulars, offer to make "off menu" sandwiches, and fill last minute catering requests without missing a beat. Their positive attitudes and kindness to all are a key part of campus life at LLCC.

Nominee: Danny Jett, Building Custodian, Facilities Services

Nominator: Debra Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

Facilities was called at the last minute by our Medical District staff for cleaning of the building. I asked Dan Jett if he could go and prep their building for the day, not once but twice. Dan, without hesitation, went both days to do the work. Thanks for being flexible with your work schedule Dan to help out our regional centers. Much appreciated, Debbie.

Nominee: Clayton Mason, Research & Analytics Associate III

Nominator: Alison Mills, Assistant Vice President, Financial Aid

Clayton compiled tons of data from Zogotech for Gainful Employment reporting. Instead of manually looking each student up by each individual year, we were able to do some filtering of the report and make the task less tedious. I appreciate Clayton taking on this reporting assignment and helping make the Gainful Employment process less cumbersome on FA Staff. Thanks, Clayton!

Nominee: Dan Patterson, Police Officer

Nominator: Kenny Bridgeford, General Maintenance Technician

I just wanted to take a moment to thank Dan for helping with shoveling snow at Med District during our last snowstorm. Not only did your effort lighten the physical load, but it also made a difference in keeping the area safe and accessible for everyone. It's great to have someone as thoughtful and proactive as you on the team. Your willingness to step in and help out doesn't go unnoticed and is truly appreciated.

Nominee: Delaney Patton, Nursing Skills Lab Professional, Health Professions

Nominator: Rebekah Housman, Nursing Retention Specialist

Since you joined the nursing department, your performance has been exemplary. You consistently take every opportunity to help, foster strong relationships with students, and are a remarkable colleague. I appreciate your support for the student who faced challenges in passing their competency exam. Thank you for your valuable contributions; continue the excellent work!

Nominee: Samuel Penning, Systems Administrator III, Information Technology

Nominator: Anonymous

For always helping to do what is necessary to keep this college running.

Nominee: Tamie Penning, Systems Administrator I, Information Technology

Nominator: Rick Schnetzler, Director, IT Support

Tamie did a fantastic job prepping all the Mac labs for the spring semester. The semester start has had minimal friction due, in no short order, to the hard work put forth by Tamie to make sure these labs were 100%.

Nominee: Kellee Phillips, Student Care Coordinator, Student Services

Nominator: Rebekah Housman, Nursing Retention Specialist

Thank you for being an invaluable part of this organization. In difficult times, you have consistently provided support and a listening ear, but most importantly, you've helped our students during their most urgent moments. I am particularly impressed by the compassion you showed one student amid their crisis and your presence following this situation. Thank you for always prioritizing our students' well-being; I am truly grateful for you and hope you recognize how much you are appreciated.

Nominee: Michelle Pulce-Flynn, Director, Grant Development & Administration

Nominator: Corrine Hinton, Dean, English & Humanities

As someone newer to LLCC, Michelle's assistance with understanding the grants development process and guiding me through two grant submissions has been invaluable. Her touch is just right - she provides resources and guidance to empower grant writers while also making herself available for more direct support. With her assistance, we were successful in receiving an ICCB grant and look forward to hearing back on our second submission soon.

Nominee: Building Custodians, Facilities Services

Nominator: Debra Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

With much appreciation, I'd like to personally thank our building custodians for patiently waiting on the filling our 2 open positions these last several months. You've taken on extra workloads, covered for each other with call offs and kept our buildings looking good. Great job!, Debbie

Nominee: Kathy Szamocki, Academic Services Assistant

Nominator: Crystal Norris, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Social Sciences & Business

Kudos to Kathy for going above and beyond for the Early Childhood Program Advisory Committee meeting in December. She arrived early and got the tables set up correctly, met with the caterer and drafted the meeting minutes. Her hard work and attention to detail are truly appreciated--thank you!

Nominee: Shanda Byer and the Elves

Nominator: Shawn Allen, Registrar

I wanted to say thank you to Shanda and the elves for all the fun activities, games, and festive themes they planned the week before Christmas break. It was exactly what we needed to keep going after a busy semester! It was a great way to finish off the semester and helped keep us motivated. The events not only boosted morale but also encouraged team building and active participation from everyone. Your efforts truly made a positive impact on the team!

Nominee: Amanda Turner, Director, Student Success

Nominator: Anonymous

Amanda goes above and beyond the call of duty. Recently, an advisee showed up after the college was closed. Amanda took time to help the lady who had driven in for the meeting. Above and beyond!

Nominee: Brianna Van Meter, Recruitment Specialist

Nominator: Sue Alexander, Adult Education Coordinator

Brianna has done a phenomenal job of working with our Adult Ed students to show them the possibilities for their future! She regularly gives them tours of the Workforce Building, pertinent information to help them move to the next step and answers their questions. She has even created special tours and handouts for our English language learners! She organizes these tours months in advance and communicates clearly with us and the students. Thank you Brianna!

Nominee: Beth Wiediger, Professor, Psychology

Nominator: Anonymous

Dr. Beth Wiediger truly deserves all the kudos for the unwavering support and dedication she shows to her students. She goes above and beyond to advocate for their success, not just inside the classroom but every single day. Her genuine care for their well-being, her constant encouragement, and her tireless efforts to ensure every student feels valued and heard are qualities that set her apart. Students know she is always in their corner.

Nominee: Amanda Wiesenhofer, Director, Library Digital & Technical Services

Nominator: Corrine Hinton, Dean, English & Humanities

When one of our faculty needed an expedited fix to support a student's accessibility needs, Amanda went above and beyond to find quick, permanent, effective solutions that will not only serve one student but many students in the future. She is a consummate professional and her expertise is incredibly impressive. LLCC is lucky to have her!

Nominees: Debbie Bell, Luke Wright, and Andres Morales

Nominator: Jessie Blackburn, Director, LLCC-Litchfield

In January, LLCC-Litchfield had a pipe burst in our auditorium. This caused water damage to the ceiling as well as flooding of the carpeted auditorium. Debbie Bell & Andreas Morales Manriquez dropped what they were doing and immediately drove to our center to bring extra equipment to help clean and dry out the carpet. They worked side by side with Luke Wright, who remained calm and worked through the situation with our staff and firefighters. Luke worked extra hours, into the evening, to clean up and deal with the water, after he had spent all day setting up and cleaning for an event we had that night. Debbie came again the next week to work with Luke to clean the room and carpets again. Her positive and calm attitude helped all of us deal with a stressful situation, and we are so grateful.

We really appreciate all of them.

